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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A Preliminary Amendment (24 pgs.) - no additional fees required;
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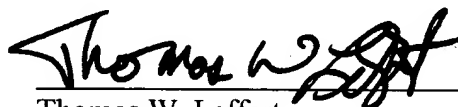
In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 28, 2003, Applicant elects, **with traverse**, Group 12 (first occurrence), drawn to claims 37-50. Claims 1-36 and 51-90 are withdrawn. Applicant is including herewith a Preliminary Amendment adding claims comporting with the elected species.

The Office Action notes that species XII is generic. Applicant presumes this statement refers to the first occurrence of species XII, i.e., claims 37-50, as Applicant believes claim 37 to be generic to one or more of claims 51-90. Should a generic claim be allowed, Applicant is entitled to consideration of claims to the other species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Representatives at direct dial (612) 312-2204, if there are any questions regarding this Response or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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Applicant requests that the following amendments to the claims be made prior to examination of the subject application:

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